

MORUS NIGRA. (Moraceae.) 30330. Scions of a mulberry from Khotan, Chinese Turkestan. "A mulberry called 'Shatoot'. Berries large, of dark violet-black color, ripening from early August until the end of September. Of very persistent habits, every berry having to be picked almost by hand. Taste fresh sub-acid. The trees are mostly grafted one meter above the ground so that the fruits may be easily gathered. Recommended as a home fruit in desert regions under irrigation." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

PASPALUM CONJUGATUM. (Poaceae.) 30208. Seeds of a grass from the plains of the island of Marajó, the great cattle country of the state of Pará, Brazil. Presented by Mr. Walter Fischer, acting director, Campo de Cultura Experimental Paraense. "Variety pubescens, here known as 'Capim de marreca', (duck grass); it is said to differ from the type in being annual; it prefers the clay soils of the lowlands where it is under water for half of the year or more, reproducing itself by seeds at the beginning of the summer when it makes a fine green pasture not over a foot in height, surviving the long drought in the hard baked clay soil." (Fischer.) For distribution later.

PERILLA OCYMOIDES. (Menthaceae.) 30298. Seeds from Utsunomiya, a city in the interior about eighty miles distant from Yokohama, Japan. Procured by Mr. E. G. Babbitt, American Vice Consul General in Charge, Yokohama. "Yegoma. It is from this that the perilla oil, commonly known as 'yeno-abura', or oil of yegoma, is obtained." (Babbitt.) For distribution later.

PITTOSPORUM MAYII. (Pittosporaceae.) 30216. Seeds from Castlewellan, County Down, Ireland. Presented by Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, head gardener for Earl of Annesley. "This variety has proven quite hardy. I have planted about 300 yards of a hedge of it, grown from seed saved from the Castlewellan plants, on an estate near the sea coast, and they are now about four feet high and make a fine ornamental hedge. The only trouble with all the Pittosporums is transplanting. We find it safest to grow them in pots plunged in the open ground, till they are finally placed out; this of course only applies to young stock. The variety Mayii grows freely and quickly from seed and is a good stock to work other sorts on if necessary." (Ryan.) For distribution later.